



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
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**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
*For Thursday, May 7*

**LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES**

**WHAT** More than 200 Northern Californians are expected to tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a 75 day public comment period that will impact the hub of California's water system and one of the largest estuaries in the world.

California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. NORTHERN CALIFORNIANS HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- ➔ How will CALFED's plan be coordinated with local agencies and landowners?
- ➔ What kind of assurances will there be about the ability to continue to meet the water needs of Northerners?
- ➔ How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

**WHEN** Thursday, May 7, 1998  
6 p.m. Information Session/Question & Answers  
7 p.m. Public Hearing

**WHO** Local residents, business owners and elected officials  
Representatives from state and federal agencies listed below

**WHERE** Chico Community Center, 545 Vallombrosa Avenue

*The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests to resolve the environmental and water management problems of the Bay-Delta system.*

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**CALFED Agencies**

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**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service